

Another heavy snow storm was raging in Montreal yesterday. No mails arrived, and the mails for the United States were dispatched to St. Johns in sleighs.

Henry M. Steele, a native of Baltimore, son of the sister of Phil by Barton Key, who was killed by General Sikes, committed suicide yesterday at his boarding house, No. 1 Irving Place, New York, by shooting himself through the head. Mental depression, in consequence of domestic infelicities, is assigned as the cause of the act.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue, Delano, took the oath of office yesterday, and entered formally upon his duties. The retiring Commissioner, Rollins, was presented with a series of complimentary resolutions, and made a brief but happy speech in response.

Secretary Bore began performing the duties of his office yesterday. Vice Admiral Porter was with him at the Department the greater portion of the day. Postmaster General Cresswell and Secretary Cox were at their respective departments yesterday morning, and received a large number of visitors. The State Department was literally besieged with visitors.

On Friday last, as men were cutting a road through a snow drift near Fencham Corners, Vermont, they came upon the frozen bodies of Mrs. Emma, aged sixty years, and her daughter and her grandson. The old lady had fallen, overcome with the cold and snow, half a mile from a farmer's house, through the window of which a light was shining all night, while the daughter had approached a little nearer, and the boy was within two rods of the window. He had evidently dragged himself some distance on his hands and knees.

Ensign Whittaker, who was shot at Quebec a few days ago by a boy named Chailson, for seducing his sister, died Wednesday night.

During the terrific snow storm of Wednesday, a wooden house at Point Levi, Canada, was blown to pieces, and the people within, comprising a family of three, buried in the snow. Their bodies have not yet been recovered.

District Attorney Courtney, at New York, has received instructions from the Attorney General's Office at Washington, to proceed, at the earliest possible moment, with the trial of Wm. Fullerton, A. A. Belknap and others.

The House, yesterday, struck from the Public Credit Bill the clause to legalize gold contracts.

Dr. Mudd has been released from the Tortugas and arrived at Key West yesterday en route North.

A Mrs. Laid died day before yesterday, in Hartford, Connecticut, at the age of one hundred and eight years.

Near Xenia, day before yesterday, Henry C. Edmondson shot and killed George Miller, after he refused to "take back" words that he had spoken about the former.

John Sandford Young shot Richard Powell, son of ex-Governor Powell, Kentucky, at the heart, at Henderson, Kentucky, at 5 o'clock P. M. day before yesterday, killing him instantly. Both were drinking.

George Redick was shot and mortally wounded by Policeman Barr, in Memphis, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning, whilst Barr was making an arrest at a disreputable house on Vine street.

Thomas G. Gerrish, City Treasurer, of Lowell, Mass., confesses to embezzling \$50,000 or more of the city funds. He has been speculating.

Governor Claflin, of Mass., yesterday received the resignation of Rockwood Hour as one of the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court.

A drunken fellow in Linn County, Iowa, the other day, tried to enter a house wherein were only two girls, who, frightened, fled to the kitchen and armed themselves with an ax. The men followed, kicked in a panel of the door, but could not get his foot out again, whereupon the girls chopped it off for him.

Charles Wallace, editor of the Warrenton (Georgia) Clipper, was shot and instantly killed yesterday morning. Mr. Wallace had applied for admission into the Masonic Lodge at Warrenton, and was blackballed by Dr. G. W. Darden, who had promised not to oppose his application. Wallace then attacked Darden through the columns of his paper, denouncing him as a liar and villain as Wallace was passing Darden's office, the latter shot him from the window with a rifle, the ball passing through Wallace's head. The affair caused intense excitement in Warrenton. Wallace was a Democrat, and Darden a Republican.

Gold closed in New York, Saturday, at 151-1/2.

General Sol. Meredith died at his residence, near Cambridge City, Indiana, on Friday last.

Mrs. Lydia Beecher, mother of Henry Ward Beecher, died, in Brooklyn, Saturday morning, aged 80 years.

W. S. Groesbeck, of Cincinnati, will deliver an oration before the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity of Yale College, at New Haven, May 13.

President Grant and family yesterday occupied the pew set apart for them in the new Metropolitan Church, in which he is a trustee.

The following appointments of Commissioners of the Union Pacific Railroad have been made by the Secretary of the Interior: Isaac N. Morris, of Illinois, vice Frank P. Blair, Jr.; General Gouverneur Warren, vice General N. B. Buford; and Hon. James F. Wilson, of Iowa, vice Cornelius Wendell.

Secretary Rawlins yesterday took formal charge of the War office. Gen. Schofield, the late Secretary, was present, and turned over the affairs of the Department to the new Secretary.

Secretary Boutwell was the recipient of an extensive letter at his office on Saturday. A great many Senators and Representatives called on him. Office-seekers were present in swarms.

Mr. Butler Saturday introduced to Secretary Boutwell a colored man from New Orleans named Jubert, and recommended him for the appointment as Assessor of Internal Revenue in that city. Jubert said he did not desire the office from a pecuniary consideration, but merely to test the disposition of the party in power as to the rights of his race.

The funeral of Hon. James Guthrie, at Louisville yesterday, was attended by the Masonic Fraternity and a large number of citizens.

Stephen T. Clark, financial editor of the New York Tribune, formerly connected with the Express, died, Sunday, at Genoa, Italy.

At Rochester, N. Y., Allison Smith was killed, Sunday, while entering a church at the head of a funeral procession, by the trap door, which was blown by the wind from the belfry, crushing in his skull.

A terrible hail storm at Memphis, Sunday night, did great damage. Scarcely a pane of glass was left in the city. Shrubbery and fences were demolished. A negro man was found dead the next morning while drunk and killed by the hail. Many hail stones were as large as hens' eggs.

#### GRANT'S CABINET.

President Grant's Cabinet is now complete and in vigorous operation. We believe that the men he has called around him for his constitutional advisers will do their respective work with efficiency, honesty, and satisfaction to the country. They are all men of scholarly attainments and incorruptible integrity. The nation may rejoice that we now have patriotic hearts at the helm of State.

We have gathered the following interesting sketches of the various members composing the Cabinet:

**SECRETARY OF STATE.**  
Mr. Hamilton Fish, the new Secretary of State, is a New Yorker, sixty years of age. He is a graduate of Columbia College, and a lawyer. He has served the public as a member of the Legislature, and as Governor of his State, and as a Representative in Congress, and from 1851 to 1857 he was a Senator of the United States. Recently he has spent a good deal of time in Europe, and it is to be presumed has acquired a knowledge of men and affairs that may be of service to him as Secretary of State. He has been known as one of General Grant's particular personal friends in the city of New York, and he is another illustration of the attachment that Grant has for his friends. The General was a guest of Mr. Fish during his last visit to New York.

Mr. Fish is well known to the country as one of our most solid and safe men. He has no superior in elevation of character, and his counsel will always be wise. He will bring to the management of the questions centering in his department a well balanced judgment, firmness of purpose and true dignity of manner.

#### SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

The Hon. George S. Boutwell is one of the many able, versatile and honest men whom New England has given to the nation. Entirely "self-made," he has the breadth and thoroughness of culture and a shrewd common sense not so frequently found in combination as would be desirable. He was born in Brookline, Mass. January 23, 1818, and worked on a farm in his boyhood. For twenty years afterward he was engaged in mercantile business, first as a clerk and later as a principal. His ambition was not satisfied, and at a comparatively advanced age he studied law. He was a Representative in the Massachusetts Legislature for seven years, between 1842 and 1850, a Bank Commissioner in 1849, and elected Governor by a coalition of Democrats and Free Soilers in 1851 and 1852. When the Republican party came into being it found him one of its most ardent champions. In 1861, after holding various minor State offices besides those enumerated above, he was a delegate to the Peace Commission at Washington. In July, 1862, he was appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue, being the first to hold that office. He retained the position until March 1863, resigning it for the post of Congressman in the Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth and Fortieth Congresses. In 1868, he was one of the managers of the impeachment progress against President Johnson. Mr. Boutwell's varied experience in the different branches of private, State and national business, affords strong hope that he will fulfill the duties of his present responsible station with signal success.

#### POSTMASTER GENERAL.

Hon. John A. J. Creswell, is a native of Port Deposit, Cecil county, Maryland, where he was born in November, 1828. He was educated at Dickinson College, and two years afterward was admitted to the bar of his native State. He was a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in

1861 and 1862, and from August, 1862, till April of the year following was Adjutant General of the State. Leaving this position he entered the House of Representatives in the 38th Congress, and served on the Commerce committee and that of Invalid Pensioners. He was also a delegate to the Baltimore convention in 1864. In 1865 he was elected to the Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Hon. T. H. Hicks, and on the 22d of February, 1866, delivered a masterly eulogy before Congress on the death of Henry Winter Davis.

Being an open, uncompromising radical, he found himself in advance of his party in Maryland, and was defeated in his second Congressional campaign. He was the chairman of the National Convention at Chicago last May, and was strongly urged for Vice President, but withdrew after the first ballot. His personal relations with General Grant are of the most intimate character, and his appointment to a Cabinet position is a recognition of the claims of the border and Southern States. He possesses undeniable fitness for the post for which he has been selected.

#### SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

For this General Grant has chosen ex-Governor J. D. Cox, of Ohio, an excellent and distinguished soldier in the war, a man who has the faculty for business organization, an admirable executive officer, an unimpaired integrity, and who will bring a high and conscientious zeal to any public duties that he undertakes. The selection is honorable to both parties, and excellent for the country.

#### SECRETARY OF WAR.

John A. Rawlins, the new Secretary of War, is well known as Grant's Chief of Staff. He was with Grant throughout the war, and performed the most faithful and valuable service. Recently his health has been impaired, but we presume the duties of the War Office are not likely to be very exacting during this administration. He is a Galena man, and made the speech in that city about a year ago giving expression to the political views of General Grant.

#### SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

Adolph E. Bore is one of the merchant princes of Philadelphia. His life has been spent in the West India trade, from which he retired with a handsome fortune a few years since. A number of medals were almost from his boyhood, he is familiar with all that pertains to the commercial marine. He has never been publicly identified with politics, but from the fall of Sumter has been one of the representative war men of the most loyal of cities. His many fine social qualities, his purity and manliness, made him Vice President of that splendid organization, the Philadelphia Loyal League. He is a warm and intimate personal friend of General Grant, and has many qualities which fit him admirably for the new position which he has been called to fill.

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Eben R. Hoar, is one of that brilliant school of lawyers who for a quarter century have adorned the bar of Massachusetts, and a son of Samuel Hoar, who was appointed by that State to bring before the United States Court in South Carolina the cases of colored seamen, who, by the laws of the State, were seized and kept in prison until they were ready to leave port, and he was then given up at the cost of the vessel, or sold for jail fees. Judge Hoar went to Charleston with his daughter, and was warned to leave on time under penalty of lynching. That was the ever to be remembered time of "the Union as it was."

On the 8th inst., President Grant sent the following message to the Senate, withdrawing his message of the 6th, in regard to a request to suspend the law rendering Secretary Stewart ineligible:

To the Senate of the U. S. States:

I have the honor to request to be permitted to withdraw from the Senate of the United States my message of the 6th instant, requesting the passage of a joint resolution by the two Houses of Congress to relieve the Secretary of the Treasury from the disabilities imposed by section 8 of the act of Congress, approved Sept. 2, 1879.

[Signed] U. S. GRANT.

The Ft. Wayne Democrat, addressing itself to the people of Indiana, exclaims:

"Do they want elevated to equality, an inferior race, upon whom God has placed his ban by color?"

In regard to the resignation of the Democratic members of the Legislature of that State, in order to prevent the ratification of the 15th Amendment, the same paper says: "Their action meets with the approbation of the Democracy and the conservative Republicans of the State, and will, when the matter is made an issue before the people, receive their endorsement at the ballot box. We say to them, 'Well done, good and faithful servants, you have saved the State from the damning disgrace of having fixed its fate on the elevation of the negro to citizenship, and crowding the common schools of the State with nigger children.'"

This sounds to us like the voice of Rev. L. A. Branner, who, when editor of the Pioneer, could not find language foul enough with which to express his loathing of the Democracy.

On the 11th inst. President Grant was visited by the diplomatic corps. The ceremonies were private, and the parties presented by Secretary Washburn, when Baron Gerolt addressed the President as follows:

Mr. President—The representatives of foreign nations accredited to the Government of the U. S. States, have the honor, on this occasion, to

renew the assurance of their sincere wishes for the welfare of your Excellency and of the nation which has entrusted to you the Executive power of the Government of the United States. In the name of my colleagues, I express the most sincere hopes that the friendly relations now existing between the United States and other nations will be maintained under your administration. Such, Mr. President, will be the aim of our most earnest and constant endeavors.

The President in response said:

Baron Gerolt and Gentlemen of the Diplomatic Corps—I heartily thank you for the kind expression of your good wishes for my welfare and that of the nation which has chosen me as its Chief Magistrate. You may be assured that it shall be my constant endeavor to maintain those relations of peace and friendship which now exist between the United States and the countries which you respectively represent—a purpose which, I am happy to learn from you, will be fully reciprocated.

The Diplomatic Corps then withdrew.

STEWART wrote the following manly letter to the President, tendering his resignation of the office of Secretary of the Treasury:

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9, 1869.

To the President:

DEAR SIR—Appreciating the high honor conferred by your nomination to the office of Secretary of the Treasury, and the unanimous confirmation by the Senate of myself to the office of Secretary of the Treasury, I regret that circumstances beyond my control compel me to decline. Could the difficulties presented by the provisions of the act of 1879, which, in organizing the Department of the Treasury, prohibit the Secretary from being directly or indirectly concerned or interested in carrying on the business of trade or commerce, be overcome by any reasonable sacrifice personal to myself, I would willingly make it. I would promptly transfer to the hands of gentlemen in whom the public have full confidence every interest in the gains and profits that could possibly accrue to myself in the business of my house during my official term, to be applied to such public charities as their judgment should dictate, and have proposed and sought to the execution of appropriate instruments to accomplish that end. But serious difficulties of opinion have been expressed as to whether that course would satisfy the requirements of the law. Although I did not hesitate to make this appropriation, provided it would enable me to accept the office, and thus unite my efforts with your own and those of other members of your Cabinet in restoring economy and strict frugality in the administration of the Government, and lift, as rapidly as practicable, from the people the great burdens of taxation, debt and extravagance resting upon them, yet the business relations of my firm are in its connections with others largely interested in their continuance, and as such they cannot be severed summarily, nor can my interest in it be wholly and absolutely disposed of without producing great embarrassment and loss to those with whom I have been connected. I can not consent to enter upon the administration of laws by any action or course that can be construed into a disregard or violation of law, and while, therefore, I regret that the plan proposed is deemed inadequate to relieve me from legal and, it seems to me, technical disabilities, I yield to the better judgment of others, rather than seem to be willing to accept a position in disrespect of law. I finally reviewing the declaration which was tendered at the outset of these objections, I repeat to you, Mr. President, my thanks for the honor done me in offering this high position, and assure you that you will have my earnest efforts to sustain your administration in carrying out the wise and salutary measures indicated by you on entering upon your office.

Sincerely your friend,

ALEX. T. STEWART.

Earth-dressing for wounds is attracting a good deal of attention.

A New York oculist says that he has used clay poultices in cases of ophthalmic with great success, and that he heard of the remedy from an old man who never knew anything about medicine.

Every body who has been among bees knows that the first application to a sting is a handful of mud.

In California, at a time when medical remedies were not within reach, miners suffering from scurvy buried themselves in the ground up to the chin. In our late rebellion, we have it from one who was colonel of an Ohio regiment, the men were in the habit of applying dirt—or dust—to parts chafed by marching, and that such remedy became common in his regiment, and with the most beneficial results, proving a perfect remedy for that trouble.—Ex.

LAST Friday a delegation of Irishmen, headed by Major Haggerty, of New York, called on Gen. Grant, to tender him their congratulations, and promised him the support of the Irish Republicans in the United States. They were cordially received.

BISHOP AMES, of the Methodist Church, declared, in a conference held at Alexandria, Va., that tobacco was doing more harm to the church than whisky. That may seem extravagant, yet without doubt, it will stand an investigation, particularly at the South, where the masses of men carry their tobacco in cards, and where so many women carry their snuff and stick for "dipping" purposes.—Cleveland Herald.

The returns from the New Hampshire election are even better than was at first anticipated. Starns' majority is about 5,000, and nine out of twelve State Senators are radical Republicans.

#### THE KU-KLUX KLAN.

The President's Protection Invoked.

Special Dispatch to the Cincinnati Gazette.

ATLANTA, March 14.

The Ku-Klux assassins are again at work. Dr. George W. Darden, a highly respectable and wealthy citizen and well known loyalist of Warren county, who had a personal difficulty some days ago which resulted in his shooting a man named Wallace, editor of the Ku-Klux journal at Warrenton, immediately surrendered to the civil authorities, and was placed in jail. The sheriff of the county fearing Darden would be unsafe, called on the better class of citizens to act as a posse to guard the jail over night, but the citizens declined to act, being overawed by an armed band of Ku-Klux numbering about one hundred, who took immediate possession of the town. They demanded the keys of the jail from the Sheriff, and on his refusal to deliver them their demonstrations became so violent that he was compelled to seek safety in flight with the keys. The band then at midnight, of Friday last, returned to the jail, broke into it, and found that Darden had a pistol, they built a fire at the doorway and smoked him out. Darden asked time to make a will, which was granted. He was then taken and in the presence of his wife and children barbarously murdered by these savages, not less than one hundred and fifty pistol balls piercing his body.

The sheriff is now here, asking military protection for his county and his life. Since the assassination of the Sheriff of Richmond county, in November, the man is the only Republican Sheriff left in the State. An attempt was made to assassinate Darden last September, and warrants were obtained by him against the parties, which warrants were in the hands of the present Sheriff (Morris) for service when he (Morris) was waylaid and shot, in December. The county of Warren is the headquarters for the Ku-Klux of the six surrounding counties, and it is in this section that outrages and murders upon Republicans are the most frequent. The only Republican Sheriff left in the State. An attempt was made to assassinate Darden last September, and warrants were obtained by him against the parties, which warrants were in the hands of the present Sheriff (Morris) for service when he (Morris) was waylaid and shot, in December. 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